

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY
Conference Call Board Meeting
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
March 14, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

The Conference Call Board Meeting for the Georgia State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Monday, March 14, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Andrea Boswell Robin Bohannon Elizabeth Larrimore Lori Smith Lauren Wright	Anita Martin, Executive Director Janet Wray, Sr. Assistant Attorney General Carol White, Board Secretary

Open Session

Andrea Boswell established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 10:00 a.m.

Review of February 14 , 2011 Board meeting minutes.

- Board response: Lori Smith moved to **approve** the minutes as amended. Elizabeth Larrimore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify list of licenses – Board response: Elizabeth Larrimore moved to **approve** the list. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Profession	License_No	sort_name
Speech Pathology & Audiology	AUD003868	Shedd, Monica Lynn
Speech Pathology & Audiology	PCET001626	Souther, Torrie Pirkle
Speech Pathology & Audiology	PCET001627	Greco, Karen Alys
Speech Pathology & Audiology	PCET001628	O'Neal, Arpaiger Capri
Speech Pathology & Audiology	PCET001629	Allen, Kelly Elizabeth
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007506	Braswell, Joanna White
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007507	Pretto, Aneesha Patrice

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Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007508	Law, Christine Alexandra
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007509	Rando, Janell Marie
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007510	Hughes, Amanda Lynn
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007511	Sealy, Kimberly M
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007512	Warlick, Angela Priscilla
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007513	Ballentine, Melissa Jeanne
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007514	Crumbley, Christian Lynn
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007515	Miller, Jessica Lynn
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007516	Parks, Lindsey Ann
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007517	Farley, Flora Johnson
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007518	Ellis, Shirley
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007519	Hall, Bridget Anne
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007520	Gledhill, Sarah Purtell
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007521	Abramson, Marianna
Speech Pathology & Audiology	SLP007522	Bittle, Cynthia Denise

Consideration to vote to post Board Rule 609-7-.01 – Continuing Professional Education Requirements. Lori Smith made a motion to vote to post Board Rule 609-7-.01 – Continuing professional education requirements. Lauren Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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609-7-.01 Continuing Professional Education Requirements.

(1) The purpose of continuing education is to maintain and enhance the professional competency of speech-language pathologists and audiologists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.

(2) A continuing education unit (CEU) is defined as ten (10) clock hours of continuing professional education. CEU hours may not be carried over from one licensure biennium to the next.

(3) In order to renew a license, the licensee must obtain a minimum of 2.0 CEUs (20 clock hours) during each biennium period of licensure.

(4) Not more than .8 CEUs (8 clock hours) can be acquired in any one 24 hour period.

~~Individuals who hold licenses in both Speech-Language Pathology and in Audiology shall be required to complete a minimum of 2.0 CEUs in Speech-Language Pathology and 2.0 CEUs in Audiology.~~

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~~(a) Licensees whose applications are approved during the first six (6) months of the biennium will be required to accrue two (2) CEUs.~~

~~(b) Licensees approved during the second six (6) months of the biennium will be required to accrue one and one half (1 ½) CEUs.~~

~~(c) Licensees approved during the third six months of the biennium will be required to accrue one (1) CEU.~~

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(d) Licensees approved during the final six (6) months are not required to accrue CEUs until the following licensure biennium. CEU hours must be in educational experiences directly related to the scope of practice of the licensee, and must be designed to increase the competence of the licensee in the area of licensure. Examples of activities that may provide CEU hours include:

(a) Scientific and educational lectures, workshops, or seminars;

(b) College courses taken for credit or through official audit;

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~~1. College course credit shall be deemed to be equivalent to CEUs as follows: One Semester Hour = 1.5 CEUs; One Trimester Hour = 1.3 CEUs; One Quarter Hour = 1.0 CEU.~~

~~(c) Presentations by licensees: 0.5 CEUs (5 clock hours) will be awarded for the presentation of any lecture, workshop or seminar. A licensee may only receive credit for one presentation per biennium.~~

~~(d) Audio and video conferences, online courses, and teleconferences; and self study courses accompanied by an examination by the CEU provider.~~

~~(e) Praxis Examination in the area of licensure.~~

~~1. Two (2.0) CEUs will be awarded for successful completion of the Praxis with a score of 650. Successful completion of this examination during the biennium will satisfy all CEU requirements for the license during that biennium.~~

~~2. The Board approved national examination results that are used in order to receive a license may not be used again for the renewal of that license.~~

~~3. A person who is licensed in both Speech Language Pathology and Audiology must pass tests in both Speech Language Pathology and Audiology to meet all continuing education requirements. If the licensee passes the examination in only one area, s/he must obtain 2.0 additional CEUs in the area for which the examination was not passed.~~

~~(f) Not more than two (.2) CEUs of the required twenty (2.0) per biennium will be awarded for courses in the area(s) of ethics, record-keeping, documentation, Georgia laws and rules, Medicaid regulations and/or Medicare regulations.~~

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~~(a) Each licensee shall maintain for three (3) years their own record of the CEU activities that they completed. The Board will not maintain CEU files for licensees.~~

~~(b) Licensees shall retain documentation of their continuing education activities and shall not send them to the Board Office unless the Board requests the licensee to do so.~~

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~~(a) The Board will audit a random fixed percentage of applications. Licensees who are audited will be required to document the CEU activities. Required documentation is a certificate or proof of attendance which includes the sponsoring agency, the licensee's name, the date of the activity, the length of the session, and either the signature of a representative from the sponsoring agency or official certification by the sponsoring agency. A description of the CEU activity may be required if the title of the activity does not clearly state the content of the CEU activity. If the licensee attends a multi-session CEU activity, as in a state or national convention or meeting, additional required information includes a specific listing of each session, the length of each session, and a description of each session if the title does not clearly state the content of the session.~~

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Discussion and consideration to repeal Board Rule 609-9-.01- Inactive Status.

Lori Smith made motion to vote to post the repeal of Board Rule 609-9-.01 – Inactive Status. Elizabeth Larrimore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

609-9-.01 Inactive Status- Reserved.

~~A person must have a current Georgia license to apply for inactive status.~~

~~(a) A licensee who holds a current license and who will not practice speech language pathology or audiology may apply for inactive status by completing an application for inactive status and submitting the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule) to the Board. Any licensee whose license has been placed on inactive status may not engage in that practice in a setting which would require licensure.~~

~~(b) An inactive license may be reactivated upon written application to reinstate, submission of the appropriate fee and compliance with the conditions of Board Rule 609-8-.03(3).~~

~~(c) The Board at its sole discretion reserves the right to investigate any and all requests for reactivation and to refuse to reactivate or reinstate, or to set conditions on the reactivation beyond these outlined above as the Board deems appropriate.~~

Forms reviewed/changes made – Lauren Wright made a motion to approve the changes as amended. Lori Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Judy Magdych - Lori Smith made a motion to send a No Legal Letter to Ms. Magdych. Lauren Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

General – Andrea Boswell

- Andrea Boswell stated the next Board meeting is April 11, 2011 and will most likely be a conference call.
- Andrea Boswell asked that all board members review Board Rules 609-01-01 through 609-2-.05 for the next Board meeting. Ms. Boswell stated if anyone has any suggestions or changes to let her know two weeks before the meeting.

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Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- From February agenda – Ms. Martin stated that she never heard back from Ms. Cargile concerning the board's request for additional information
Request from Jennifer Cargile – *The Board needs more information. If the SLP program is an accredited program; the intern is allowed to practice under Georgia law. If the SLP program is not an accredited program the intern is not allowed to practice under Georgia law.*

Executive Session

Lauren Wright made a motion, Lori Smith seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Elizabeth Larrimore and Robin Bohannon. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Applications:

1. H.A.D. – Renewal Applicant – Approved.
2. O.A.N.E. – PCE Applicant – Approved.
3. L.M.J. –PCE Applicant – Approved.
4. H.C. – Renewal Applicant – Approved.
5. E.S. – Renewal Applicant – Approved.
6. S.E. – Renewal Application – Approved.
7. C.L.D. – Renewal Applicant – Require that applicant provide a release for medical records and get a copy of here evaluation records. Also, subpoena the VA personnel records.
8. N.R.D. – Renewal Applicant – Ms. Boswell and Ms. Smith conducted an investigative interview with this applicant. The Board recommended that the matter be referred to the AG's office for a public consent order with six (6) months suspension and additional pre-approved continuing education in ethics and record-keeping/billing.

Cognizant Report – Lori Smith

SLPA110003 – Close case with no violation.

SLPA110006 – Respond that the board will not advise on the questions presented. Request a copy of the GBI file.

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Open Session

Lori Smith made a motion to approve the recommendations on the applications in the Executive session. Elizabeth Larrimore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Larrimore made a motion to approve the recommendations for the Cognizant Report. Lauren Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director